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DOUBLE WHITE CHINCHERINGCHEE (*Ornithogalum*)

Photo by Lois Turner.

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my Fifth Annual List of Seeds and Bulbs.

Regular customers will notice that many names have gone from the lists. The reason for this is that last season there was such an unprecedented demand for the bulbs that the stocks ran out. It will take a year to work them up again. There are many new names on the list, and next season there will be very many more. Collecting goes on apace, but propagation needs time.

Bulbs are still 5s. (\$1.25) per dozen unless otherwise stated. Seeds 2/6 (65 cents.). Please do not order less than half dozen of a species unless price each is quoted.

Bulbs are sent out from January to May. Seeds all the year, so long as stocks hold out.

Prices are quoted in South African money. Kindly allow exchange when necessary. Customers in U.S.A. should send cheques in dollars on a New York Bank.

K. C. STANFORD,
Bloem Erf, Stellenbosch,
SOUTH AFRICA.

GLADIOLI.

Gladiolus blandus—Known as "the fairest Gladiolus," typical "Painted Lady" colouring, 1-1½ ft., up to 20 blooms on a stem often branched.

G. cuspidatus—More delicate than *G. blandus*, flowers yellow with carmine throat markings, segments narrow and very waved, 1 ft. high.

G. cardinalis—"The Superb Gladiolus," long sprays of large carmine-red flowers with white throat markings outlined in dark red. Likes moist, shady situation.

G. gracilis—The earliest to bloom, 1-2 ft. high, very graceful, flowers blue or buff marked with yellow on the lower lip. One of the prettiest.

G. hirsutus—Large deep pink blossoms, striped white. Sweetly scented. Very robust and handsome. 7/6 per doz.

G. callistus—3 ft. high, flowers well spaced on stem, pale pink or white with deeper throat markings. Manner of growth reminds one of Prim. hybrids.

G. angustus—Very branched, of the "Painted Lady" type, with very long narrow perianth tube.

G. angustus (variety)—Taller and sturdier than the type, very much branched.

G. odoratus—Very desirable species, winter blooming, flowers large, marked brown or maroon. Very sweet hyacinth scent. Price 15s. per doz.

G. villosus—Flowers with *G. gracilis*, slightly smaller, flowers pink and white.

G. alatus or *Kalkoenje*—A very distinct type, useful in hybridizing. Large flowers terra-cotta, with green or yellow on lower segments. Sweet scented, 6 in-1 ft.

G. psittacinus variety *Cooperii*—Height 5 ft. 14-20 large blooms on strong stems. Flowers brilliant scarlet with orange on lower lip. Flowers late autumn.

G. tristis (syn. *G. aestivalis*. Ingram)—Height 4-6 ft, very thin stems, 10-20 on a spray, pale yellow, mottled brown. Evening scented. Flowers midsummer.

G. tristis—Height 1 ft., two or three large blooms on a stem; good creamy yellow marked brown on outside of segments. Flowers early spring.

G. grandis—Resembles *G. tristis* but flowers are larger and 2-3 on a stem, usually reddish-brown or bronze, mottled with yellow. A most attractive flower of perfect form with pointed, waved segments. Very sweetly scented in evening. Flowers midsummer.

G. hibernus (Ingram)—Resembles a small edition of *G. grandis*. Winter flowering 7s. 6d. per doz.

G. splendens—Very distinct habit of growth. Flowers on long sprays resembling *G. cardinalis* but more delicate and more intense colour. Flowers autumn. 7s. 6d. per doz.

WATSONIAS.

Watsonia meriana—Height 5 ft., flowers vieux rose and orange. Flowers spring, with somewhat untidy habit of bloom.

W. meriana (variety)—Colour good rose pink. A more compact habit of blooming than the type and more showy. A very desirable species, good for cut flowers. £1 15s. per 100.

W. angusta—Height 5 ft., flowers scarlet, resembling the improved Montbretias.

W. aletroides—Height 1½-2 ft. A very attractive plant. Spike of flowers resembles that of a large *Lachenalia*. Flowers brick red and pendulous.

W. brevifolia—Height 1-1½ ft., flowers deep pink.

W. tabularis—Very beautiful species found on Table Mountain. Large peach coloured flowers, blooming at midsummer. 10s. per doz.

W. roseo-alba—Very pretty pink and white flowers with long, twisty segments. Height 1-1½ ft.

W. Versfeldii (variety *alba*)—Resembles the well-known *W. Ardenii* but the flowers are rounder and somewhat larger. Stems 5 ft., a profuse bloomer.

W. marginata—Height 4-5 ft. Delicate sprays of numerous lavender-pink blooms. excellent for cutting.

W. rosea—The common pink *Watsonia* of the mountain slopes. Very robust.

W. Beatricis—An excellent late flowering *Watsonia*. Strong, 5 ft. stems of large flowers. Every shade of salmon, orange, terra-cotta and flame.

W. longifolia—Resembles *W. Beatricis* but blooms a month earlier. Same range of colours occasionally shading to deep cream or white.

W. Stanfordiae—One of the most beautiful. Height 4-5 ft., flowers very large on thin stems. Colours from deep carmine to maroon. Very distinct species. 10s. per doz.

- W. spectabilis**—Very striking. Flowers spring, blossoms very large, scarlet. Height 1½ to 2 ft. 7s. 6d. per doz.
- W. Pillansii**—Flowers large and clear, orange. Foliage yellow-green. Height 3-4 ft, blooms late. Splendid for cutting.
- W. longicollis**—Height 1-1½ ft, flowers a beautiful clear blue. 7s. 6d. per doz.
- W. Galpini**—A most attractive species growing in or near water. Long, delicate sprays of cerise or carmine flowers. Flowers autumn. 10s. per doz.
- W. densiflora**—Stems 4 ft, crowded with dead white blossoms set in bright brown bracts, scented. 7s. 6d. per doz.

New Watsonia species, at present not named :

1. Flowers orange. Large regular blooms on delicate stems, grey-green foliage. Height 2 ft.
2. Taller, flowers deeper orange. More robust foliage, dark flower stems.
3. Large orange red flowers. Very wide leaves, 5 ft.
4. Large deep pink flowers, 5 ft.

IXIA.

- IXia patens**—Large rose pink blossoms on stem, 2-2½ ft. 4s. per doz.
- I. maculata**—Cream blooms with black centres. 3s. 6d. per doz.
- I. Duckettiae**—Orange blooms, black centres, 2 ft. stems. 3s. 6d. per doz.
- I. flexuosa**—Very delicate stems, pink flowers. 3s. per doz.
- I. lutea (variety)**—Flowers deep yellow, red on outside of segments. 3s. 6d. per doz.
- I. viridiflora**—The famous Green Ixia of the Cape. Stems 3-4 ft, flowers duck's-egg green with black centres. 10s. per doz.
- I. vividiflora (variety)**—Same habit. Flowers blue on outside of segments and pink on opening. Very attractive. 7s. 6d. per doz.
- I. polystachia (lilac)**—Flowers midsummer. Flowers lilac with blue "eye." 3s. 6d. per doz.
- I. polystachia (variety)**—Flowers white with blue "eye."

GEISSORHIZA.

- Geissorhiza hirta**—Resembles a Babiana. Flowers in two shades of old rose.
- G. hirta (variety)**—Flowers creamy white.
- G. secunda**—Flowers many, small. Good shade of blue.
- G. splendidissima**—Flowers large and deep blue, a very charming plant. 7s. 6d. per doz.

SPARAXIS.

Sparaxis tricolor—

- Brick red, with dark centres.
 - Deep orange, with brown centres.
 - Deep velvety brown, with yellow centres.
- Prices 3s. 6d. per dozen ; 25s. per 100.

- S. grandiflora—Cream**—Tall, tree-flowering variety. Prices 2s. per dozen ; 15s. per 100.
- S. grandiflora—Purple**—The most beautiful Sparaxis. Flowers a deep velvety purple. Price 5s. per dozen.
- S. Pillansii**—Very tall species. Flowers old rose with yellow centres. Price 5s. per dozen.
- S. bulbifera**—Flowers clear yellow, very attractive. Price 5s. per dozen.
- S. hybrids**—Very tall and large flowered, in shades of crimson, deep amethyst or yellow. Seed only.

TRITONIA.

- Tritonia hyalina**—Flowers deep salmon or orange on dark stems. Price 3s. 6d. per dozen ; 25s. per 100.
- T. crocata**—Orange flowers with narrower segments. Price 5s. per dozen.
- T. deusta**—Deep orange flowers with large brown spot on each of the three outer segments. Price 5s. per dozen.
- T. lineata**—Taller than the others. Flowers cream with darker veins. Prices 2s. 6d. per dozen ; 15s. per 100.
- T. scillaris**—Very attractive, early flowering. 6 in. spikes of tiny deep pink flowers. Charming for the rock garden. Price 5s. per dozen.
- T. squallida**—Very attractive species, large flowers on short stems, in shades of old rose, salmon and flame.
- T. securigera**—Delicate flowers of light orange colours.

BABIANA.

- Babiana stricta**—Crocus-like flowers of very deep blue. Excellent for borders or the rock garden. 4s. per dozen; 25s. per 100.
B. stricta rubro-cyanea—Deep blue flowers, with brilliant red centres. One of the showiest of the Cape flowers. 7s. 6d. per dozen.
B. villosa—Flowers from deep ruby red to pale lavender.
B. dysticha—Flowers slightly smaller but a good light blue, with markings in cream and crimson on the lower lip.
B. plicata—Dwarf, very early flowering. Lavender flowers marked with primrose and purple. Sweet scented.

LACHENALIA.

- Lachenalia rosea**—Good spikes of opal tinted flowers. 7s. 6d. per dozen.
L. aurea—Flowers deep orange on good, long stems; flowers early. 7s. 6d. per dozen.
L. pendula—Flowers large, crimson tipped green. Flowers very early. 10s. per dozen.
L. rubida—Flowers very brilliant pink. Flowers very early. 5s. per dozen.
L. pustulata—Flowers yellowish, slightly scented. 4s. per dozen.
L. ovchiodes—Flowers greenish, shading to mauve. 4s. per dozen.
L. tricolor—Flowers very large in green, yellow and red. Splendid species.
L. unifolia—Very pretty. Flowers sky blue, shading to pink.
L. glaucina—Good spikes of electric blue flowers. 10s. per dozen.
L. glaucina variety pallida—Same galucons foliage, flowers primrose-yellow. 5s. per dozen.

CYRANTHUS.

- Cyranthus Mackenii**—White Ifafa Lily. Resembles a hyacinth but flowers in an umbel. Sweet scented and blooms nearly whole year.
C. O'Brienii—Similar to *C. Mackenii*, but flowers are a bright clear red.

ARISTEA.

- These plants make no corms or tubers and mostly very little root-stock and resent disturbance, therefore only seed will be supplied. The seed germinates easily and they soon become established if planted out in the seedling stage.
Aristea spiralis—Very delicate pale blue flowers on 1 ft. stems.
A. Ecklonis—Effective sprays of sky-blue flowers packed closely together, 2 ft.
A. capitata—5 ft. sprays of deep blue flowers. When growing in masses on the hillsides it resembles clumps of *Delphinium*.
A. cyanea—Plants make neat tufts which, in the spring, are covered with intensely blue flowers.
A. dichotoma—Closely resembles *A. cyanea* but flowers midsummer and later.
A. racemosa—Plants make big clumps. Flowers on 3 ft. stems, individual blooms large. Blooms for a long period.

MOREA.

- Morea iridioides**—A robust plant flowering all the year, stems 4 to 5 ft. Blooms white, large, with gold club-shaped markings on falls.
M. spathacea—Large yellow blooms with brown mark on falls, leaves 4-5 ft. long.
M. bicolor—Charming species blooms deep cream with bright brown mark on falls, outlined in orange, shading with orange dots. 7/6 per dozen.
M. tristis—Stems about 6 in. Flowers buff or greyish-brown.

ORNITHOGALUM.

- Ornithogalum Abyssinicum**—Very large species. White globe-shaped flowers with shining black centres. 7/6 per dozen.
O. thyrsoides—The Cape Chincheringchee. Height 2-3 ft. White starlike flowers with brown centres.
O. lacteum—Flowers smaller than the last, pure white on delicate stems.
O. splendens—Magnificent species. Large orange-red blooms on 2 ft. stems. Very scarce. 15/- per dozen.
O. aureum—Orange or yellow flowers resembling *O. thyrsoides*. Height 1 ft. (Seed only.)
O. (double)—Probably a double form of *O. thyrsoides* but flowers later and is very distinct. Very attractive, remaining in bloom for months. Very much resembles a very fine Tube-rose. New to cultivation. 10/- per dozen.
O. Fergusoniae—A newly discovered species. Flowers from cream and buttercup-yellow to orange. Height 9 in.

HAEMANTHUS.

Haemanthus. coccineus—Very large blood-red flowers on thick spotted stems.

Flowers end of summer, leaves later.

H. Katharinae—Very beautiful species. Flowers white. 1/6 each. Seeds 1/6 per doz

H. magnificus—Most conspicuous. Flowers orange-red. 1/6 each.

VARIOUS.

Hesperantha Buhrii—Very attractive. Flowers remain closed until 4 p.m. when the rose-pink segments open and flowers show dazzling white.

Ferraria—Iris-like flowers in shades of brown. Edges of segments, very frilled.

Amaryllis Belladonna—Large flowers pale pink. Flowers in late summer, leaves appearing later. 2/6 per dozen.

Vallota purpurea or **George Lily**—Known in England as Scarborough Lily. Large bright scarlet flowers. Price 6/- per dozen. £2 per 100.

Agapanthus umbellatus (variety)—Small mountain species with deep blue flowers on 1 ft. stems. 6/- per dozen.

Dierama pendula—Long sprays of dainty lavender or pink pendulous flowers.

Streptanthera cuprea—Very striking species, resembles Sparaxis. Flowers tangerine with petunia coloured centre outlined by a circle of black.

Aponogeton distachyus—Beautiful aquatic, flowers white and highly scented. Will flourish in 1 ft. of water or less.

Saundersonia aurantica—A miniature Liliium with deep orange flowers like Chinese lanterns. 7/6 per dozen.

Brunsvigia sp.—Flowers arranged as a Candelabra, bright pink, when seeds are ripe the flower stalk becomes detached and rolls across the veld. 1/- each.

Brunsvigia Cooperii—About 200 flowers in a head, red and yellow, very handsome. Seed only.

Schizostylus coccineus—Very striking, resembles a brilliant carmine Gladiolus. Flowers late autumn, requires plenty of moisture. Excellent for cutting.

Nerine filifolia—A most profuse bloomer in autumn. Flowers deep pink with narrow crinkled segments. Excellent for cutting.

Synotia bicolor—Resembles a small Gladiolus, flowers cream, marked with violet, very charming. Flowers early spring.

Crinum longifolium—Handsome species. Leaves 4 ft. or more. Flowers resemble Amaryllis Belladonna but it blooms with the leaves. Splendid for tubs or large pots. 9d. each.

Montbretia crocosmoeflora—Good red and orange species. Flowers autumn. 3/6 per dozen.

Anoiganthus sp.—Resembles a brilliant yellow Cyrtanthus, stem about 1 ft.

ANNUALS.

Heliophila linearifolia—"Fairy of the Veld." Dainty blue flowers, opening in the morning.

Heliophila crithmifolia—A much more showy species, makes a haze of blue Flowers open at noon.

COMPOSITES. (Seeds only).

Chamaeopsis heterophylla—Beautiful little sky-blue daisy with deep blue centres to the flowers. Annual.

Felicia capensis—Plant making a small compact bush. Flowers sky-blue with yellow centres. Perennial.

Gerbera Jamesonii—The well-known Barberton Daisy. Large flowers on 2 ft. stems, brilliant scarlet. Perennial.

Arctotis grandis syn. A. stockardifolia—Annual with silver-blue or white flowers. Height 2 ft.

Venidium fastuosum—Very large brilliant orange flowers, soft grey foliage. Petals in 2 rows forming a frill, shiny black centres, with ring of shining green-black at base of orange "petals."

Gazania pavonia—Brilliant orange daisy flowers with blue spots, in the black ring round the centre of the flower. Compact habit, excellent for edging to summer bedding plants. Perennial.

Arctotis laevis—Large daisy flowers on stems 1 ft. or more. Flowers crimson, orange, deep red, cinnamon or yellow. Perennial but may be treated as an annual.

Euryops sp.—Bush growing to 6 ft., covered with large yellow daisy flowers. Perennial. Flowers winter.

Arctotis revoluta—Prostrate but flowers stand up on good stems. Flowers large yellow, red on outside of ray florets.

SHRUBS. (Seed only).

Leucospermum conocarpum—Very beautiful "Protea" with large yellow flowers like an incurved Chrysanthemum.

Leucadendron argenteum—The Cape Silver Tree. Very beautiful though difficult to acclimatize.

Sutherlandia frutescens—Very elegant bush or small tree with greyish acacia-like foliage and brilliant scarlet flowers, very showy seed pods.

EXOTICS.

Bilbergia nutans—Flowers in pendant sprays, shady yellow, red, green to purple.

Zephyranthes candida—Small plant, autumn flowering, resembles a white crocus.

Sprekelia formosissima—A beautiful deep red amaryllis of unusual shape. 6/- per dozen.

Euphorbia splendens—The Christ-thorn. Makes a beautiful hedge or pot plant. 1/6 each. Quotations given for unrooted slips per 100 or per 1,000.

MESEMBRIANTHEMUMS (SHRUBBY).

Mesembrianthemum criniflorum—A very pretty annual. Flowers all shades. Delightful for pockets in rockwork or edgings to terraces. Flowers from spring to midsummer.

M. emarginatum—Prostrate grey foliage, petunia coloured flowers. Perennial.

M. speciosum—Grows into a large bush sometimes 6 ft. through, covered with flame-coloured blossoms.

Conicosia pugioniformis—Brilliant yellow flowers which catch the light and give a sparkling effect. Excellent amongst grey rocks. Perennial.

Cephalophyllum anemoniflorum—Trailing. Large blooms, apricot, pink or white.

Drosanthemum speciosum—Large mesemb. flowers, brilliant red, white centres. Seed of these bushy mesembs. sold at 3d. per capsule, seed of the rare "stone plants" at 1/- per capsule.

SUCCULENTS.

ALOES (Seeds only).

Aloe variegata.
" *longistyla*.
" *schlechterii*.
" *saponaria* (yellow variety).
" *humilis*.
" *speciosa*.
" *ferox* (rare variety).
" *striata*.
" *latifolia*.
" *arborescens*.
" *Barbertonae*.
" *Bainsii*.
" *Dyerii*.
" *Thorncroftii*.
" *sessiflora*.
" *myriacantha*.
" *micrantha*.

Aloe Woollyana.
" *Pienaarii*.
" *Pretoriensis*.
" *Transvaalensis*.
" *castanea*.
" *chabodia*.
" *ciliaris*.
" *chortolirioides*.
" *parvibraeteata*.
" *Marlothii*.
" *plicata*.
" *Salm Dyckia*.
" *latifolia*.
" *longibracteata*.
" *tingitana*.
" *dichotoma*.

Seeds 2/6 per 50. Some of them may be purchased per oz.

SUCCULENTS (VARIOUS).

Kalanchoe dyerii.
Ceropegia Thorncroftii.
Testudinavia elephantipes.

Huernia hystrix.
Gasteria nigricans.
Delosperma Steytlerae.

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